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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE
LITIGATION

-----X NORBETO AVILA AND NELLY AVILA,

Civil Action No.: 07 CV 1465

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Plaintiff(s),
- against -

ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY, BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC CATASTROPHE, INC. D/B/A BMS CAT, BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, LP., BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS, INC., ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC., GPS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC., HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC., INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO., MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., MSDW 140 BROADWAY PROPERTY L.L.C., NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, NOMURA HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL, INC., STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC., STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., THAMES REALTY CO., TISHMAN CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION OF MANHATTAN, TISHMAN CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, TISHMAN INTERIORS CORPORATION, TISHMAN

SPEYER PROPERTIES, TOSCORP INC., VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC., VERIZON NEW YORK, INC., VERIZON PROPERTIES, INC., WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., WFP TOWER B CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER B HOLDING CO., LP AND WFP TOWER B. CO., L.P., et al.

Defendant(s).

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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's, Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

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